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REMARKS

An Office Action, dated January 30, 2003, rejects pending claims 1-3, 5-8, 11-14, and 16-20. Claims 9, 10, 15 and 21-31 are allowed. Claims 1-3 and 11-12 have been cancelled, and claims 4-8, 13-14, and 16 have been rewritten herein. Reconsideration of the rejected claims is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and following remarks.

Allowable Subject Matter

The examiner has objected to claim 4 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but indicated that it would be allowed if rewritten in independent format with all of the limitations of its base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have so amended this claim. Accordingly, claim 4 should now be in condition for allowance.

Regarding claim 4, applicants agree with the Examiner's conclusions regarding patentability, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, applicants believe that claim 4 is allowable because the prior art fails to teach, anticipate or render obvious the invention as claimed, independent of how the invention is paraphrased.

Also, dependant claims 5-8 have been amended to now depend on allowable claim 4. Accordingly, these claims should also now be in condition for allowance.

Allowed Claims

Regarding allowed claims 9, 10, 15 and 21-31, applicants agree with the Examiner's conclusions regarding patentability, without necessarily agreeing with or acquiescing in the Examiner's reasoning. In particular, applicants believe that these claims are allowable because the prior art fails to teach, anticipate or render obvious the invention as claimed, independent of how the invention is paraphrased.

In addition, applicants have amended dependant claims 13 and 14 to depend on allowed claim 15. Accordingly, these claims should also now be in condition for allowance.

Similarly, applicants have amended claim 16 herein to include the additional step of "providing a partial cover with a visually distinguishable color from the color of the mount" (emphasis added). Accordingly, for the same reasons claims 10 and 15 have been allowed, claim 16 should now be in condition for allowance. Moreover, since dependant claims 17-20 depend on now allowable claim 16, they too should now

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be in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing, applicants submit that all of the currently pending claims are in condition for allowance, and respectfully request that the case be passed to issuance. If the Examiner has any questions, he is invited to contact applicants' attorney at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Attachment A to Amendment
(Redline amendments to claims)**

1. (Cancelled)

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Cancelled)

4. (Amended) [The mechanism for ensuring correct installation of a detachable printer component of claim 1, wherein said printer component is a] A mechanism for ensuring correct installation of a printhead into a printer comprising:
a detachable printhead having a top surface, a toe-end and a back end;
a mount having a toe-end engaging portion and a back end engaging portion,
said toe-end engaging portion operably engaging the toe-end thereby pivotally securing
said toe-end to said printer, said back end mounting portion operably engaging said
back end when said toe-end is pivotally secured to said toe-end mounting portion and
said printhead is pivoted about said toe-end toward said back end mounting portion;
a cover operably secured over said chamber and extending partially over said
toe-end of said printhead when said detachable printhead is secured to said mount
defining a neutral position of the cover with respect to the mount, said cover preventing
said back end from operably engaging said back end engaging portion of said mount
before said toe-end is pivotally secured to said toe-end engaging portion of said mount.

5. (Amended) The mechanism for ensuring correct installation of a [detachable printer component]printhead of claim [1]4, wherein said printer is an inkjet printer.

6. (Amended) The mechanism for ensuring correct installation of a [detachable printer component]printhead of claim [1]4, wherein said cover includes a substantially planar top surface having an angled leading edge lip for operably engaging the toe-end of said [detachable printer component]printhead during installation.

7. (Amended) The mechanism for ensuring correct installation of a [detachable printer component]printhead of claim [1]4, wherein said cover is pivotally secured to said mount at a pivot point and able to deflect slightly out of the cover's engaged position to facilitate installation of said detachable printer component.

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8. (Amended) The mechanism for ensuring correct installation of a [detachable printer component]~~printhead~~ of claim 7, wherein said cover is biased to said cover's neutral position.

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Amended) The inkjet printer of claim [11]15, wherein said cover has an engaged position and is pivotally secured to said mount at a pivot point and able to deflect slightly out of the cover's engaged position to facilitate installation of said detachable printer component.

14. (Amended) The inkjet printer of claim [11]15, wherein said cover is biased to said cover's neutral position.

16. (Twice Amended) A method for ensuring proper toe-heel insertion of a detachable printer component having a top surface, a toe-end and a back end into a mount on a printer, the mount operably engaging the toe-end and the back end of the detachable printer component, said method comprising the steps of:

providing a partial cover with a visually distinguishable color from the color of the mount;

positioning the partial cover over the mount such that the partial cover extends partially over the toe-end of the detachable printer component when the detachable printer component is secured to the mount;

first pivotally securing the toe-end of the detachable printer component to the mount by positioning the toe-end below the partial cover such that the top surface of the detachable printer component operably engages the partial cover and the toe-end is pivotally secured to the mount; and,

then pivoting the detachable printer component about the toe-end to allow the back end to operably engage the mount thereby securing the detachable printer component to the mount.